

## REPORT OF COUNTY FINANCE.

The following report of the receipts and disbursements of the several funds for the period ending September 30th, 1915, with the balances, and the amount of warrants outstanding, and a statement of the assets and liabilities of DeSoto County, as reported by the County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said DeSoto County on the 30th day of September, 1915, is hereby published under the provision of Chapter 6428 of the laws of 1913.

## GENERAL FUND.

Treasurer's balance June 30th, 1915	\$ 90.08
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915	24,515.02
Deficit June 30th, 1915	\$24,442.04
Receipts June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Comptroller	\$ 443.35
Loans	255.00
Tax collector	11,415.90
Special indebtedness fund	7,384.40
Sale of safe	25.00
	\$19,523.83
Making net deficit	4,901.11
Disbursements: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
For: Salary of Clerk as Auditor	\$ 450.00
Per diem and mileage	355.20
Pay of sheriff for attendance on County Coms.	24.00
County prosecuting attorney	100.00
Attorney for Commissioners	50.00
Supervisor of registration	75.00
Farm demonstration	150.00
Repairs to county buildings:	
Court house	13.08
Jail	12.87
Furniture and fixtures for: Court house	53.75
Expense of county buildings:	
Janitors and other attendants	266.78
Lights, fuel and water	181.92
Incidentals	67.47
Care of county poor: allowance made to paupers outside poor house and paid by warrants	767.50
Coroner's inquests: Fees of officers, jurors and witnesses	35.00
Insanity inquiries: fees of officers and committees	77.35
Stationery and printing: general stationery, blanks, etc.	315.82
Record books	189.77
Advertising required by law	60.50
Commissions paid to officers:	
Tax assessor	1,108.44
Tax collector	1,406.42
County treasurer	904.64
Clerk Circuit Court: Recording and general court work	99.68
Expense of election	5.23
Interest on warrants	380.63
Court house yard	25.00
Special road district No. 1	59.00
Drugs, etc., prisoners	34.58
Special road district No. 5	22.50
Error in warrant No. 1610	.10
Total disbursements	\$ 7,322.88
Deficit September 30th, 1915	\$12,223.99
Credit by warrants cancelled	44.00
Net deficit September 30th, 1915	\$12,179.99
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915	13,803.24
Treasurer's balance September 30th, 1915	\$ 1,624.15

## FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND.

Balance in hands of treasurer June 30th, 1915	\$ 1,049.79
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915	126.21
Net balance June 30th, 1915	\$ 923.58
Receipts, June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Comptroller	\$ 110.80
Sheriff, fines, etc.	875.72
Tax collector	2,808.86
	\$ 3,795.38
Making	\$ 4,718.96
Disbursements: June 30th, 1915, to September 30th, 1915:	
For: Sheriff and deputies, cost bills in crim. cases	\$1,700.93
Constables' cost bills in criminal cases	3.30
Clerk of the Circuit Court, cost bills in criminal cases	159.57
County Judge cost bills in criminal cases	10.63
Justice of the peace, cost bills in criminal cases	13.04
County solicitor, conviction fees	135.00
County prosecuting attorney	255.00
Witness fees	289.07
Sheriff's commission on fines, etc., collected	48.19
Feeding prisoners	397.20
Transportation paid for and discharge money paid for convicts in roads	208.00
Pay of jurors in criminal cases county and justice of peace courts	6.00
Drugs, etc., for prisoners	12.37
Escaped convicts	12.50
Error warrants	3.80
Total disbursements	\$ 3,454.60
Balance September 30th, 1915	\$ 1,264.36
Credit by warrants cancelled	1.00
Net balance	\$ 1,265.36
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915	75.32
Treasurer's balance September 30th, 1915	\$ 1,340.68

## ROAD FUND.

Treasurer's balance June 30th, 1915	\$17,795.35
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915	10,751.71
Net balance June 30th, 1915	\$ 7,043.64
Receipts: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Comptroller	\$ 1,108.10
Sheriff convict hire	63.00
Tax collector	28,373.60
Refund of frt. charges	50.10
Refund fine and forfeiture fund	7.98
Sale of dynamite	4.63
Street work	609.55
Cash in lieu of labor	12.00
	\$30,128.96
Making	\$37,172.60
Disbursements: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
For: Salaries of road superintendents and overseers	\$ 2,102.72
Paid commissioners for road inspection	50.00
Paid other persons for road inspection	8.00
Cost of material	5,953.21
Paid to incorporated cities and towns	2,396.01
Oil and gas tractors	242.56
Tools, machinery, cost and repair	13,838.88
Live stock, cost, care and feed	1,079.51
Paid for free labor	3,858.99
Pay of convict guards	1,087.19
Feeding and care of convicts on roads	3,412.78
Printing	56.00
Payments on accounts of roads built by cont.	4,112.18
Total disbursements	\$38,204.03
Deficit September 30th, 1915	\$ 1,031.43
Credit by warrants cancelled, and errors	142.00
Net deficit September 30th, 1915	\$ 889.53
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915	24,200.14
Treasurer's balance September 30th, 1915	\$23,320.61

## COURT HOUSE FUND.

Treasurer's balance June 30th, 1915	\$13,032.04
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915	37,442.70
Deficit June 30, 1915	24,410.66
Receipts: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Tax collector	\$8,426.58
Comptroller	332.43
	\$8,759.01
Net deficit	\$15,651.65
Disbursements: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
For: Nothing	
Deficit September 30th, 1915	\$15,651.65
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915	18,892.70
Treasurer's balance September 30th, 1915	\$ 3,241.06

## MURDOCK DRAINAGE FUND.

Treasurer's balance June 30th, 1915	\$ 4.10
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915	38,137.84
Deficit June 30th, 1915	\$38,133.65
Receipts: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Tax collector	\$7,656.00
Comptroller	10.00
	7,666.00
Net deficit	\$30,467.65
Disbursements: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
For: Excavation	\$8,216.89
Engineering	267.50
Trustees	85.50
Printing	5.00
Interest	181.34
Attorneys	500.00
Total disbursements	\$ 9,256.23
Deficit September 30th, 1915	\$39,723.88
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915	39,754.26
Treasurer's balance September 30th, 1915	\$ 30.38

## PUNTA GORDA DRAINAGE FUND.

Treasurer's balance June 30th, 1915	\$ 60.53
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915	8.00
Net balance June 30, 1915	52.53
Receipts: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Tax collector	\$441.30
Comptroller	4.00
	445.30
Making	\$497.83
Disbursements: Nothing.	
Net balance September 30th, 1915	\$497.83
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915	8.00
Treasurer's balance September 30th, 1915	\$506.23

## PUNTA GORDA SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

Treasurer's balance June 30th, 1915	\$200,576.99
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915	57.63
Net balance June 30th, 1915	\$200,519.36
Receipts: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Tax collector	\$3,452.50
Interest	1,691.31
	5,143.81
Making	\$205,663.26
Disbursements: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
Engineering	\$ 644.17
Labor	291.75
Roads built by contract	3,086.74
Advertising and printing	23.96
Tools and machinery, cost and repair	19.30
Total disbursements	4,065.92
Net balance September 30th, 1915	\$201,597.34
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915, Nothing.	
Balance on hand September 30th, 1915	\$201,597.34

## SPECIAL INDEBTEDNESS FUND.

Balance in hands of treasurer June 30th, 1915	\$3,148.03
Warrants outstanding June 30th, 1915, None.	
Receipts: June 30th, 1915 to September 30th, 1915:	
From: Tax collector	\$5,617.72
Comptroller	221.56
	5,839.28
Making	\$8,987.31
Disbursements: June 30th to September 30th, 1915:	
For: Transferred to general fund	\$7,384.49
Net balance September 30th, 1915	\$1,602.82
Warrants outstanding September 30th, 1915, None.	
Treasurer's balance September 30th, 1915	\$1,602.82

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Balance cash in treasury all funds	\$ 31,665.92
Uncollected taxes current year	30,140.53
Cash on hand in hands of Punta Gorda Road and Bridge Trustees	201,597.24
Total available assets	\$263,410.70
Warrants outstanding for current expenses	\$ 96,742.66
Punta Gorda Road and Bridge Bonds	200,600.00
Punta Gorda Drainage Bonds	12,000.00
Total liabilities	\$309,342.66

## VALUE OF COUNTY PROPERTY.

Court house and city block	\$150,000.00
Jail	10,000.00
Other buildings	2,000.00
320 acres wild lands	6,400.00
Road machinery	18,000.00
Live stock	2,800.00
Total value of county property	\$189,200.00

LIEUT. SAUFLEY KILLED;  
PLANE FELL 700 FEET.

Pensacola, Fla., June 12.—Losing control of his machine because of the breaking of the "flipper," or sail-piece, Lieutenant R. C. Sauflay, in charge of aviation at the United States aero station here, dashed to his death Friday afternoon.

He was soaring at a height of about 700 feet. His body struck on a narrow island dividing Pensacola Bay and the Gulf. Death was instantaneous, and the machine, a hydroplane, was wrecked. The light was watched from the aero station.

Lieutenant Sauflay went up at 4 o'clock, determined to break the sustained endurance flight of the world, and had been soaring over the gulf and bay for nearly ten hours, when the "flipper" parted and dropped. Then the aviator had no means of controlling his machine, and the big hydro-aeroplane dived.

It could not be righted, and as it neared the ground the lieutenant leaped from his seat, only to be dashed to death on the beach.

Lieutenant Sauflay was a careful pilot, but frequently remarked that the aeroplane had not been made that could carry him as far as he wanted to go. He broke the world's record for a hydro-aeroplane last November, when he ascended 11,000 feet. In December he rose to 13,000 feet. In March of this year, with weather conditions very favorable he ascended to 16,000 feet.

Having attained new records in this line, he was trying for a new endurance record when the accident occurred.

HANG TWO OF THE  
MEXICAN BANDITS.

Deming, N. M., June 12.—Francisco Alvarez and Juan Sanchez, two Villa followers captured during the raid on Columbus, N. M., March 9,

were hanged here. The men were hanged singly.

Governor William C. McDonald on May 15 granted a reprieve in compliance with a request from President Wilson to permit an investigation into the conduct of the trial.

Seven men were tried in the district court here and convicted of first degree murder for their part in the raid on Columbus, in which seventeen soldier and civilian Americans were killed, several wounded and a number of buildings destroyed. Three months later they were to pay the extreme penalty.

The condemned are:

Jose Rangel,  
Juan Sanchez,  
Eusebio Reneria,  
Taurin Garcia,  
Jose Rodriguez,  
Francisco Alvarez,  
Juan Castillo.

At the trial counsel contended that the defendants had no knowledge of where they were going at the time of the raid, and that they were forced to follow Villa under penalty of death.

Jose Rangel, who was wounded and carried into court April 24, when sentence was imposed, made a plea for mercy from his cot. The prisoners have been in the state penitentiary at Santa Fe for safe keeping.

FREE HAND IN TRADE  
SOUGHT FOR FRANCE.

Paris, June 12.—The customs committee of the chamber of deputies has drawn up a resolution urging the denunciation by the government of all commercial treaties with foreign countries which contain a most favored nation clause, in order, says the resolution, to give France complete liberty of economic action.

The committee asks that this action be taken without delay, and it has delegated its president to notify the minister of commerce of the committee's desire.

"TEDDY" OUT OF POLITICS.  
HE TELLS THE PAPERS.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 12.—Theodore Roosevelt reiterated last night that he is "out of politics."

"I want to tell you newspaper men," he said, "that it's no use for you to come up here to see me. I will have nothing to say. I will answer no questions, so please don't ask me. I am out of politics."

If the former president has any plans for the immediate future other than to continue his literary work, he has not made them public. His secretary, John W. McGrath, is expected to arrive here tomorrow from Chicago, with a detailed report of the happenings at both the republican and progressive conventions. Colonel Roosevelt attended church yesterday morning with Mrs. Roosevelt, but remained in seclusion at Sagamore Hill the remainder of the day. The telegraph lines brought him a flood of messages, and it was announced that most of them approved his action in declining to become a candidate of the progressive ticket.

While Colonel Roosevelt would not discuss the question, his intimates considered it unlikely that he would reconsider his conditional refusal to head a third ticket. He has not yet made it clear whether or not he will support the Hughes candidacy.

SUFFRAGISTS HOPING  
FOR A PLANK.

St. Louis, June 13.—Hope was high in suffrage circles here last night that the democratic convention will incorporate an equal rights plank of some form in its platform.

No official declaration of the convention's intention was forthcoming, but suffragists regard the attitude of many democratic leaders as friendly. They were busy yesterday working among the more widely known democrats, and last night with tentative arrangements made for a hearing by the resolutions committee, probably tomorrow, they were optimistic.

The women noted with interest the attention democrats have paid to the republican platform declarations on suffrage, and declared that the democratic party no longer can afford to ignore the issue.

Mrs. Arthur Dodge, of New York, leader of anti-suffragists forces, is here to oppose favorable mention of equal rights in the platform. National Chairman McCombs said last night she would probably be given as much time as the suffragists. The National American Suffrage Association, the Congressional Union and its auxiliary, the Women's Party, will divide the time equally for the plank.

## PERSONALLY CONDUCTED

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Mr. Elmer F. Irwin, of Tampa, Fla., will operate a Special All Expense paid tour from Tampa, and South Florida leaving Tampa, 12:10 Noon, July 27th, for California and a Tour of the Golden West.

## POINTS OF INTEREST.

This tour will leave over the Atlantic Coast Line and will follow the scenic Route of their famous Dixie Flyer from Jacksonville to Chicago. Stop Overs and Sightseeing tours have been arranged at Lookout Mountain, Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Grand Canyons, Kansas City, St. Louis, and many other points.

## COST.

The Total Cost of the tour will be \$217.00, this includes all expenses of the trip, Railroad and Sleeping car fares, Hotel Bills, Sightseeing Trips, All expenses in Yellowstone National Park, and at the Grand Canyons, the only expense not included are meals on Dining cars, and the tour is so arranged that there are but few of these.

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